Notes to be signed, countersigned, &c. cause the notes provided for in the preceding section, to be prepared, and they shall be signed by the public treasurer, and countersigned by the comptroller; and each of these offices shall keep, in proper books, separate and accurate accounts, showing the number, date, and amount of each of said notes, signed and countersigned by them respectively, and also accounts showing all such said notes as may be paid or redeemed, and cancelled, from time to time, and the treasurer shall account, monthly, for all such said notes as shall have been countersigned by the comptroller and delivered to the treasurer for issue.

May employ person to sign. SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, That the treasurer have authority to employ some discreet person, if necessary, to be approved by the Governor, and whose appointment shall be published in three newspapers published in the city of Raleigh, to sign coupons and State bonds and treasury notes authorized to be issued under the 6th section of this act.

Fenalty for forging notes or bonds.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, That if any one shall falsely forge, or knowingly pass, or offer to pass any false, forged, or counterfeit paper, purporting to be a treasury note or bond, or coupon of any such bond, issued under this or any other act of this State, he shall be liable to indictment in the superior courts in the county in which such offence may be committed, and on conviction thereof, shall suffer all the pains and penalties according to the 59th section of the 34th chapter of the Revised Code.

SEC. 10. Be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. [Ratified the 20th day of December, 1862.]